economic condition of the tribals covered under ITDP's MADAs, Clusters, PTGs, as the case may be, should specifically be undertaken.

Statement

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Grant-in-aid to NGO for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied Scheme
2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas
3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets
4. Investment/Price Support to Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED).
5. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
6. Village Grain Banks
7. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups
8. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations
9. Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students
10. Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys
11. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas
12. Research Information & Mass Education. Tribal Festivals and Others
13. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP)
14. Grants-in-Aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution

Funds to State Governments

2065. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given by Government to some States under Article 275 of the Constitution State-wise, during last three years;

(b) the basis and the manner in which the social funds are normally released; and

(c) the mechanism to ensure proper utilization of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) A Statement showing the State-wise and year-wise grants released under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India during the last three years is at Annexure.

(b) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India are released on the basis of percentage of Scheduled Tribe population in the State with reference to the Scheduled Tribe population of the Country.

(c) Following mechanism is followed to ensure proper utilization of the funds:

1. Utilization Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

2. Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

3. Central Government Officers undertake on the spot visits to the States/UTs for ascertaining the progress of implementation of schemes;

4. Meetings/conferences are convened at the Central level with State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare Departments to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up implementation of schemes, and review physical and financial progress.

5. At the State/field level, the agencies like Tribal Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDPs and Panchayat Samities also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of schemes.

Vocational Training Institutes in the country

2066. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Vocational Training Institutes in the country under 100 per cent Central assistance and State-wise break up;

(b) the number of such institutes in tribal areas of Assam; and